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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 14, 2005.

Please make the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments, as they do not raise new issues of patentability, respond fully to the Office action, and place the claims in condition for allowance in conformance with the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows, without prejudice:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment and Response.
- Remarks begin on page 6 of this Amendment and Response.